

## EXHIBIT 7: Letters of Support



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March 1, 2004

Paul Morabito, Chairman  
State Coastal Conservancy  
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Oakland, CA 94612  
Fax: (510) 286-3840

Dear Mr. Morabito;

This letter is in support of the Conservancy's authorization of \$3 million towards the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project. We understand these funds will be reimbursed by a Wildlife Conservation Board grant to the Conservancy. These funds will be more than matched with funding from the Moore, Hewlett, and Packard Foundations.

The South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project is of national significance and offers an unprecedented opportunity to restore the health of the San Francisco Bay. The project objectives are to: 1) restore or enhance a mix of habitats for migratory birds, endangered and threatened species, and native species, 2) provide for tidal and fluvial flood management, and 3) provide wildlife-oriented public access and recreation.

The Conservancy is facilitating the planning effort, in close coordination with the California Department of Fish and Game and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the landowners, and with the Santa Clara Valley Water District, Alameda County Flood Control District, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The collaborative planning process also involves regulatory agencies, local governments, scientists, businesses, environmental and recreation interests, and public health/public works departments. The project is essential to the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge in its effort to meet our goals for restoration of endangered species and migratory species habitat as well as for wildlife-oriented education and recreation.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service supports the Conservancy's efforts to develop a scientifically sound and publicly supported restoration, flood management, and public access plan and I encourage you to authorize this funding.

Sincerely,

Margaret T. Kolar  
Refuge Complex Manager

cc: Amy Hutzel, Project Manager

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### Memorandum

To: Mr. Paul Morabito, Chairman  
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Date: March 5, 2004

From: Robert W. Floerke, Regional Manager   
Department of Fish and Game - Central Coast Region, Post Office Box 47, Yountville, California 94599

Subject: South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project

The Department of Fish and Game (DFG) enthusiastically supports the approval of three million dollars towards the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project. These State Coastal Conservancy (Conservancy) funds will be reimbursed by a Wildlife Conservation Board grant to the Conservancy. These funds will be matched with funding from the Moore, Hewlett, and Packard Foundations.

The South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project is of national significance and offers an unprecedented opportunity to restore the health of the San Francisco Bay. The project objectives are to: 1) restore or enhance a mix of habitats for migratory birds, endangered and threatened species, and native species, 2) provide for tidal and fluvial flood management, and 3) provide wildlife-oriented public access and recreation.

The collaborative planning process involves regulatory and trustee agencies, local governments, scientists, local businesses, environmental and recreation interests, community groups, and public health/public works departments. The Conservancy is facilitating the planning effort in close coordination with the landowning agencies, DFG and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Santa Clara Valley Water District, Alameda County Flood Control District, and U. S. Army Corps of Engineers are also engaged in the project.

We support the Conservancy's efforts to facilitate development of a scientifically sound and publicly supported restoration, flood management, and public access plan and encourage you to authorize this funding.

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Mr. Paul Morabito, Chairman  
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Subject: Letter of Support for Funding of the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project

Dear Mr. Morabito:

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The Santa Clara Valley Water District (District) is the primary water resources agency for Santa Clara County. In 2000, the District's enabling legislation changed to include watershed stewardship, along with our more traditional functions of flood protection and water supply. The District supports the regional South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project (Restoration Project), and has two representatives that serve as advisory members of the Project Management Team.

The District believes that the Restoration Project is of national significance and enthusiastically supports the authorization of \$3 million of California Coastal Conservancy (Conservancy) funds towards Restoration Project planning. The District also understands that these funds will be reimbursed by a Wildlife Conservation Board grant to the Conservancy, and that the Moore, Hewlett, and Packard Foundations are contributing matching funds in excess of the amount of this request.

The Conservancy is facilitating the collaborative planning process for the Restoration Project in close coordination with the California Department of Fish and Game and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the landowners, along with the District, Alameda County Flood Control District, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Regulatory and trustee agencies, local governments, scientists, businesses, environmental and recreation interests, community groups, and public health/public works departments are also participating in project planning.

The Restoration Project offers an unprecedented opportunity to restore the health of the San Francisco Bay by: 1) restoring or enhancing habitat for migratory birds, endangered and threatened species, and other native species; 2) providing tidal and fluvial flood protection; and 3) providing wildlife-oriented public access and recreational opportunities. The District supports the Conservancy's efforts to develop a scientifically sound and publicly supported restoration, flood protection, and public access plan and encourage you to authorize this funding.

Sincerely,

  
Joe Judge  
Chair/Board of Directors

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The mission of the Santa Clara Valley Water District is a healthy, safe and enhanced quality of living in Santa Clara County through watershed stewardship and comprehensive management of water resources in a practical, cost-effective and environmentally sensitive manner.

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